

News Advisory



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May 16, 17 and 18

Prairie City State Vehicular Recreation Area to Host 35th Hangtown Motocross Classic

WHAT: 35th Annual Hangtown Motocross Classic, presented by Honda and promoted by the Dirt Diggers North Motorcycle Club. The Hangtown Classic is the last Club-promoted outdoor event on the national motocross circuit, and is the second round of the AMA/Chevy Trucks 125/250 U.S. Motocross National Championship.

WHERE: California State Park's Prairie City State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA); located off Highway 50, about 20 miles east of downtown Sacramento.

WHO: One of the largest and most prestigious motocross events in the U.S., attracting thousands of fans and the top riders of the sport, including legendary Ricky Carmichael and Sacramento's MX champion Steve Lamson.

WHEN: Friday, Saturday and Sunday (May 16, 17, 18, 2003). Gates open at 6 a.m. Friday and 6:30 a.m. Saturday. Sunday professional qualifying starts at 10 a.m. Racing begins at noon. Pits are open 9 a.m. until noon.

ADMISSION: Friday and Saturday -- 7 years and under, free; 8-12 years, \$5 each day; 13 years and over, \$10 each day; Sunday -- 7 years and under, free; 8-12 years, \$10; 13 years and over, \$20 (in advance); \$25 at the gate; Camping Thursday to Sunday, \$40; Saturday only, \$25

Parking is free.

Race information is available by visiting the homepage for the Dirt Diggers North Motorcycle Club at: hangtownmx.com

Because of its location 20 miles east of downtown Sacramento and its proximity to a burgeoning suburban area, the 836-acre Prairie City SVRA is destined to become the model for future urban OHV parks. It is one of six major state vehicular recreation areas operated by California State Parks and its Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division. The others include Carnegie, Hollister Hills, Hungry Valley, Ocotillo Wells and Oceano Dunes.

DIRECTIONS:

- FROM DOWNTOWN SACRAMENTO, SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, AND POINTS SOUTH:

Take Highway 50 East (towards Lake Tahoe) approximately 19 miles to Prairie City off ramp (exit #25). Continue south on Prairie City Road and follow the directions above.

- FROM LAKE TAHOE AND POINTS EAST:

Take Highway 50 West towards Sacramento. Approximately 5 miles past Cameron Park take the Prairie City Road off ramp (exit #25). Turn left back across the freeway and continue south following the directions above.

- FROM RENO AND POINTS NORTHEAST:

Take Highway 80 West towards Sacramento. Approximately 10 miles past Auburn before reaching Sacramento take Sierra College Blvd. off ramp. Turn left back across the freeway and continue south all the way to Highway 50. The name will change from Sierra College Blvd. to Hazel Ave., but just continue on this same road. When you reach Highway 50, take Highway 50 East (towards Lake Tahoe). Prairie City Road (exit #25) off ramp is up two exits. Continue south on Prairie City road and follow the directions above.

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